

flaxseed, and roots (especially carrots) if the bowels are not too loose.

Our attention has been called by Mr. Fraser, 74 Lower Water Street, to the beneficial effects of the North British Cattle Company's Condiment. From enquiries made of horse-keepers in this City we find that the Condiment has a marked effect in giving Horses relish for their food and in improving the condition generally. We have, therefore, no hesitation in publishing the following letter from Dr. Kirwin, Montreal, not that we have any special wish to give the Condiment Company the benefit of free advertising, but because we believe the use of the Condiment may be found beneficial in many cases, especially where tonic medicines cannot be conveniently obtained.

"From experience during the last few days I can testify that if Horses are fed on the Nutritious Condiment of the North British Cattle Food Company, they will escape the prevailing disease."

"A few days ago two horses in my stable from Upper Canada shewed symptoms of sickness, and, other remedies failing, I began to feed with this Condiment, mixed with a bran mash and some crushed oats. At the same time I gave the other sound horses the same treatment. The sick horses are now quite well, and the others have escaped the contagion, and remain sound and well, thus showing the excellence of your food as a preventive as well as a cure."

The Report of the YARMOUTH EXHIBITION held on 3rd October, will be found well worthy of perusal. We have on former occasions commended Yarmouth Reports to the attention of Secretaries and Committees of other Counties. The practice followed at Yarmouth of requiring each Prize Committee to furnish a special Report of their department for publication is excellent. Members have thus an opportunity of expressing their criticisms and furnishing valuable practical hints in a tangible form for public record and future use by themselves and others. It appears that there was gratifying improvement at Yarmouth this year, especially in live stock. There were more visitors and more articles from a distance. The exhibition of Granville Factory Cheese suggested the introduction of the Factory System into Yarmouth, and we hope it will be carried out. The Exhibition arrangements seem to have been better than on former occasions, so much so that the haggard Secretary was enabled to spare an hour for dinner, and to say affectionately, as "mine hostess" left the dining room: "Blessed be her heart for she brews good ale." The Horses of the County were not sufficiently represented, and the Committee suggest the purchase

of full-blooded stock. The Neat Stock was superior to last year's in every respect. Alderneys and their grades are highly recommended to Dairy Farmers. There was rather a small show of Sheep; Swine very good, White Chesters A. 1. Dairy produce, "a want of interest." Grain, "be more particular in cleaning." Roots good. Vegetables poor. Fruit very much finer than formerly, the quality and variety of local fruit really very fine, but much confusion in names. Fine Arts, low, a first attempt by a boy 14 years of age being "sufficiently well done to merit commendation or at least exception from the general censure." The prize for best painting in Water Colours was gained by Nellie Moody, 12 years old. We might suppose from this that the young ladies of Yarmouth exchange the "fines" for the "useful" arts at any early age; but, alas! in the very next department, "Domestic Manufactures," we find "a small exhibit" reported, except in Yarns and Flannels; "no socks," "no mitts,"—a prospect of cold feet and cold fingers in Yarmouth this winter. Iron Work, a Ship's Tiller, which "will bear comparison with any foreign manufacture." A full length figure of a Highlander of "very creditable appearance" appropriately brings up the rear of the long Prize List, with a supply of Cakes and Crackers, which the Committee found "were really good," and Staves, Shingles and Laths, meriting a special prize.

The Report of the half yearly meeting of the Central Board of Agriculture, published in another column, suggests several topics for extended remark, for which there is no opportunity in our present number. We hope in our next issue, which will be printed as speedily as possible, to overtake several articles that are lying over.

CENTRAL BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

HALIFAX, Oct. 30th, 1872.

The Central Board of Agriculture met in the Legislative Council Chamber this morning at 10 o'clock. Present—Israel Longworth, Esq., Truro, Vice-President of the Board, in the chair, John Dakin, Esq., Digby; C. N. Spratt, Esq., Musquodoboit; Hiram Clark, Esq., Amherst; Benjamin Zwicker, Esq., Mahone Bay; J. J. O'Brien, Esq., Noel; John Ross, Esq., M. P. P., Boularderie; D. Matheson, Esq., Pictou; G. S. Brown, Esq., Yarmouth; D. Archibald, Esq., Musquodoboit; Dr. C. C. Hamilton, Cornwallis; George Whitman, Esq., Round Hill, Annapolis; George Cameron, Esq., Milford Haven, Guysboro'; David McNair, Esq., Cape George, Antigonish; Geo. C. Lawrence, Esq., Port Hood; Prof. Lawson, Secretary.

Mr. Longworth, in taking the chair as Vice-President, expressed regret at the absence of Joseph J. Northup, Esq., the President, which was caused by sudden indisposition. As Mr. Northup would not probably be able to leave his room for a day or two, the Board would be deprived of his valuable suggestions and assistance; but he (Mr. Longworth) would endeavor to preside over their deliberations to the best of his ability.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Brown reported on behalf of the Committee appointed to make purchases of thorough bred stock. He stated that considerable difficulty was experienced in obtaining exactly the kinds of stock and precise numbers of each required; but it would be seen from the published catalogue that (with the exception of Durham heifers, which were not procurable at prices at all within reach) the animals accorded very nearly with the list given in the Board's resolution at the March meeting.

Several members of the Board were requested to make necessary arrangements for the sale on Thursday. A letter was read from Colonel Laurie, in reference to the place of sale, but it was thought too late to make any change now, after the sale had been so long advertised for the Grand Parade.

A question having been put as to the restrictions under which animals were sold, it was stated that all animals imported by the Board had been sold under the restriction that they were to be kept in the Province, for breeding purposes. Purchasers have always been required to sign a bond in the auctioneer's book to this effect. So far as known, the rule had been fairly carried out hitherto, except in the case of some horses not imported by the Board, and the Board had power to enforce it if any attempt were made at evasion or violation. On the other hand, where animals proved sterile or became too old for use, purchasers might rely upon the Board relieving them from any unreasonable or unnecessary restriction.

On motion of Dr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, the following gentlemen were appointed a finance committee to audit the accounts of purchases of cattle, and expenses connected therewith, viz.: Messrs. Longworth, Spratt and O'Brien.

Attention was called by Mr. Dakin to the resolution of the Board, passed in March last, to the effect that should the annual grant be raised to \$10,000, the Government were requested to introduce an amendment to the Act, authorizing the Board to increase the proportion of grant to the societies of each county to \$400, no society receiving more than double the amount of subscriptions. Mr. Dakin stated that the societies in his